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AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

What is claimed as being new and desired to be protected by LETTERS PATENT of the United States is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A clothing protection system for preventing food and other items from being spilt on the clothing of a user while in a vehicle comprising, in combination:

a vehicle safety belt having a shoulder strap extending across the body of a user;

a generally flat rectangular bib portion fabricated of a washable synthetic fabric having a front face and a rear face with a top edge, bottom edge, and a pair of parallel side edges there between;

a generally rectilinear receptacle portion having a base face with an inner edge and outer edge with the inner edge being coupled to the bottom edge of the bib portion, the receptacle portion having a front face coupled to the outer edge of the base and with a pair of side faces coupled between the base face and front face and the bib portion, the side faces having creases to facilitate the faces of the receptacle portion for storage purposes, the components of the receptacle portion in combination with the bib portion forming an open pocket to catch any food and other spilled items that are not caught on the bib portion; and attaching components including two crossing straps each having a first end coupled to the rear face of the bib portion

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adjacent to the upper edge thereof and a second end with a first pile-type fastener and a second pile-type fastener attached to the rear face of the bib portion, adapted to releasably couple the second end of the straps with the bib portion, such attaching components enabling a user to releasably couple the system to the shoulder strap of their vehicle safety belt during operation and use by a person in the vehicle while eating to thereby prevent food from soiling the clothing of a user.

2. (Currently Amended) A clothing protection system comprising:

a vehicle safety belt with a shoulder strap positioned across the shoulder and front of a user;

a generally flat rectangular bib portion having a front face and a rear face with a top edge, bottom edge, and a pair of parallel side edges there between;

a generally rectilinear receptacle portion having a base face with an inner edge and outer edge with the inner edge being coupled to the bottom edge of the bib portion, the receptacle portion having a front face coupled to the outer edge of the base and with a pair of side faces coupled between the base face and front face and the bib portion, the side faces having creases; and

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attaching components coupled to the rear face of the bib portion at a location overlying, and in contact with, the safety belt.

3. (Amended) The clothing protection system as set forth in claim 2 further including a vehicle safety belt with a shoulder strap and wherein the attachment means comprises two crossing straps to couple with the shoulder strap of the safety belt with the straps each having a first end coupled to the rear face of the bib portion adjacent to the upper edge thereof and a second end with a first pile-type fastener and a second pile-type fastener attached to the rear face of the bib portion.

4. (Withdrawn) The clothing protection system as set forth in claim 2 wherein the attachment means comprises an "X" shaped adhesive strip coupled adjacent to the upper edge of the bib portion.

5. (Withdrawn) The clothing protection system as set forth in claim 2 further wherein the bib portion and receptacle portion being fabricated of paper, the side edges of the bib and receptacle being defined by perforations.

6. (Withdrawn) The clothing protection system as set forth in claim 5 wherein the paper is coated in wax.

7. (Withdrawn) A clothing protection system for preventing food and other items from being spilt on the clothing of a user while in a vehicle comprising, in combination:

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a conventional rectangular bag fabricated of paper having a front face, back face, base face and side faces there between, the back face having a top edge and parallel side edges and the front face having a top edge, the bag having a first perforation running in a horizontal line across the lower third of the front face and side faces, a pair of rearward fold lines running from the horizontal line to the top edge along the side edges of the back face, a second perforation running vertically from the horizontal line to the top edge of the front face at an intermediate location, the perforated regions and fold lines defining two front portions such that when the front portions are separated along the perforations the back face forms a bib portion and the portion below the horizontal line forms a receptacle portion; and

an attaching component adapted to couple the bag to a safety harness of a user, the attaching component having an x-shaped adhesive patch attached to a portion of the rear face of the bag, four similarly shaped removable strips.

8. (Withdrawn) The clothing protection system as set forth in claim 7 wherein the paper is coated in wax.